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SUBJ: VISIT OF TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OFFICIALS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COMMERICAL TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS INFORMING US THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS OF TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION COMPANY ACCOMPANIED BY FORMER GOVERNOR JOHN CONNALLY, WHO IS COUNSEL TO THE COMPANY, INTEND TO VISIT KUWAIT FEBRUARY 24-27. APPARENTLY GROUP, WHICH IS TRAVELING BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT, WILL BE VISITING NEARBY COUNTRIES AS WELL. IN ADDITION TO GOVERNOR CONNALLY, GROUP WILL INCLUDE JOHN JACOBS, EXECUTIVE VP; BRUCE JONES, VP INTERNATIONAL; WAYNE ROGK, GEORGE BARODY AND THE WIVES OF SOME OF THEM.

2. TEXAS EASTERN GROUP'S VISIT LIKELY TO BE COMPLICATED BY FEBRUARY 25 NATIONAL DAY HOLIDAY. APPEARS LIKELY THAT KUWAITIS WILL OBSERVE LONG FEBRUARY 25 THROUGH 27 HOLIDAY WHEN IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SEE SENIOR GOK OFFICIALS. MOREOVER, THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS THAT PRESIDENT SADAT OR KING KHALID MAY VISIT HERE AROUND THAT TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTURE REQUESTED TO INFORM MR. JACOBS OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF NATIONAL DAY HOLIDAY. EMBASSY SUGGESTS HE CONSIDER ALTERING HIS SCHEDULE TO AVOID THESE PROBLEMS. DEPARTMENT SHOULD INDICATE EMBASSY APPRECIATES BEING INFORMED AND THAT WE PREPARED TO MEET WITH TEXAS EASTERN GROUP ANY TIME AND TO LEND ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU REMIND COMPANY OFFICIALS OF THURSDAY-
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FRIDAY WEEKEND DURING WHICH IT DIFFICULT TO SEE LOCAL OFFICIALS,

AND THEY SHOULD BE INFORMED OF AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS' DEPARTURE
FROM KUWAIT. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS
DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE REGARDING VISIT. ADDRESS
FOR TEXAS EASTERN IS SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK BLDG., PO BOX 2521,
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